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I now Dear John with
 much love to you &
 yours - I am as always
 your Sister
 Maggie

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 Collyer Kan June 1st 1890

My Dear Brother John
 Well by
 the heading you know
 where we now are. we have
 been here about (or rather over)
 two weeks & a busy time we
 have had trying to convert
 an ill kept back-story hall
 into something like a home
 Harry did not trouble himself
 much about how things looked
 & I am glad Mary & I are able
 to have a chance to make our
 men folks more comfortable
 though we have Mr. Rice the
 Englishman I spoke of who
 wants to go into keeping a few
 sheep with John. he has written
 home to his father for some money

for that purpose how things
will come out I do not know
we did not succeed in
selling our house but it is
rented for twelve dollars & half
a month (as we had to reserve one
room to put some of our things in)
to one whom we owe. For about
three weeks it has been dry with
dreadful hot winds over 100° in
the shade & people are getting
troubled about the crops oats are
very much injured now

Think of cooking & eating in the
same room in such a heat & wind
& not one tree to shade or break the
wind As May says "it takes all the
starch out of one" yes bodily
& every way. but here I am
complaining again

When we started May
& I went around by Lincoln

& stayed over night John & Mary
going on same day to Beatrice
& we met them there ^{next morning} & went on
to Kansas. Dean & Family
are well four nice girls &
D H Jr is a beautiful boy
with large dark eyes & they
are all so proud of him &
cannot do enough for him
every one. Dean looks thin but
Emma is chubby as ever
& Dean has a splendid
practice.

How are you
getting along with your
writing I hope you work
moderate & don't get too
nervous. I hope Louie &
Wanda & Helen are quite
well. also Doctor & Mrs.
Mrs Stentzel. remember
me to them.

Collyer, Kan.,
June 1st, 1890.

My dear Brother John:

Well, by the heading you know where we now are. We have been here about (or rather over) two weeks, and a busy time we have had trying to convert an ill-kept bachelor's hall into something like a home. Harry did not trouble himself much about how things looked, and I am glad May and I are able to have a chance to make our men folks more comfortable, though we have Mr. Pile, the Englishman I spoke of who wants to go into keeping a few sheep with John. He has written home to his father for some money for that purpose. How things will come out I do not know.

We did not succeed in selling our house, but it is rented for twelve dollars and a half a month (as we had to reserve one room to put some of our things in) to one whom we owe. For about three weeks it has been dry, with dreadful hot winds -- over 100° in the shade, and people are getting troubled about the crops. Oats are very much injured now. Think of cooking and eating in the same room in such a heat and wind, and not one tree to shade or break the wind. As May says, "it takes all the starch out of one." Yes, bodily and every way, but here I am complaining again.

When we started May and I went around by Lincoln and stayed over night, John and Johnnie going on same day to Beatrice, and we met them there next morning and went on to Kansas. Dan and family are well -- four nice girls and D. H., Jr. is a beautiful boy with large dark eyes and they are all so proud of him and cannot do enough for him, every one. Dan looks thin, but Emma is chubby as ever, and Dan has a splendid practice.

How are you getting along with your writing? I hope you work moderately and don't get too nervous. I hope Louie and Wanda and Helen are quite well -- also Doctor and Mrs. Strentzel. Remember me to them. And now, dear John, with much love to you and yours, I am as always,

Your sister,

Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid]